



NEWS RELEASE

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Lake Jackson, Texas

City of Lake Jackson

Hurricane Harvey

Weather Update

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6pm update

The news about Hurricane Harvey just keeps getting worse. Rain totals for our area are now forecast to be from 15 inches to 25 inches, with the potential for 30 inches of rain over the next 3-5 days.

The forecast continues to be for landfall of Harvey to be in Aransas County as a Cat 3 Hurricane in the early morning hours of Saturday, August 26th. Then the system is predicted to stall and then move east and be off the Brazoria County Coast as a possible Tropical Storm on Tuesday, August 27th.

It goes without question that we will see significant street flooding. And, as has been mentioned previously residents should refrain from driving down flooded streets.

We have been asked about evacuation orders, and **NONE** have been issued for Lake Jackson residents. However, residents are free to leave if they choose. Again, there are **NO** evacuation orders for Lake Jackson.

Also, a number of residents have called asking where they could get sandbags. The City, nor Brazoria County, are providing sandbags.

In summary, Hurricane Harvey will make landfall early Saturday morning down south of Matagorda Bay. Heavy rainfall for our area could reach 30 inches over the next 3-5 days. It appears this event will continue well into next week.

Residents need to make their final preparations.

The City Emergency Operations Center will begin 24 hour operations beginning Friday evening at 6pm.